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Dear Jim:

What a delightful idea for you to work in the lab here. It may not be profitable to plan a specific research program so far ahead, but I'm sure we will still be working on the chemical genetics of B. subtilis. The Kleins are having a wonderful time doing the same this summer. But nine months or a year would be more sensible. From your standpoint you might want to make it January to September, 1963.

I think we will still be able to follow through the arrangement I suggested earlier, when you are ready to make definite plans. But with this much lead time, there might be an alternative - that you apply for an NIH Senior fellowship. This would have some advantages, especially in regard to taxes on your stipend and your travelling expense.

I don't know if the following problem would be particularly attractive to you, but I might suggest the "population genetics of DNA molecules in B. subtilis" - there are some subtle theoretical as well as experimental niceties in setting up models of "multiple infection".

Odds on the meetings are low.

As ever,

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